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Mr T. Y. Baird
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Dear Tom:

First of all thank you for your letter of Sept. 21st. It seems I have a way of inviting headaches for myself, but due to the fact my heart is in the right place, I usually manage to weather the storm.

Now the story about Satchell is this, I received a call from The Brooklyn Ballclub about three weeks ago, asking me if I could get a team of Colored players together to play in Brooklyn the first Sunday in October. I was sure all the teams would come off salary Sept. 30th, so I told them I would investigate. My first move was to contact Satchell, and see if he would be available. When I talked to him on the phone, he told me he would be. I then sent him a contract for the date, and told Brooklyn not to be sure of him until he had returned it signed. This he has not done, and you know me well enough to know I would not be too sure of Satchell even if he had signed. I can see now I should have contacted you instead of Satchell, as you would have been in a better position to know what plans had been made for him.

As things stand now, the two teams are going to play a five game series, Sun. Oct. 7th and 14th in Ebbetts Field, and Wed. the 10th in Newark. The thing worrying me is the white team has some really good players on it. In fact all the men are stars. I hate the thought of them beating the Colored boys. Do you think we could work out something to get Satchell here for the 14th? If he will finish on the coast the 10th, maybe he could fly here for the 14th. If there is anything that could be worked out that you could help on, give me a ring. Brooklyn is putting their full publicity outfit behind the move, and the crowd should be really good. Our big concern should be having a team good enough to hold its own. I am more concerned about the looks of the team than anything. Please let me hear from you, the time is not very far off.

Very Truly Yours